Fund of Japan in December, 1988 for development of infrastructural facilities along the identified Buddhist Tarvel Circuit in U.P. and Bihar. In January, 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra Govt. further entered into a Loan Agreement with OECF. The OECF would extend financial assistance to the tune of 9.244 billion Japanese Yen.

(c) An amount of Rs. 2.00 crores has been earmarked during the year 1994-95 for development of places of Buddhist interest.

(d) No proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa for development of Lalitgiri, Udaigiri and other places of Buddhist tourist interest in Orissa.

Tie-Ups with Foreign Airlines to Share Traffic

1412. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government to modernize the Air India fleet and by when;

(b) whether there is any proposal to enter into any tie-ups with some of the foreign airlines to share traffic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Air India has recently inducted four new generation B 747-400 aircraft in its fleet. Air India proposes to acquire two 400 seater aircraft in 1996 and 1997. Modernisation of fleet is an on-going programme and investment decisions will be taken after weighing various pros & cons.

(b) and (c) Air India has joint venture agreements with Zambian Airways, Air Mauritius, Malaysian Airlines and Gulf Air with a profit sharing formula.

Air India has also concluded Block seat arrangements with Ethiopian airlines and Finnair under which Air India is provided certain number of seats either free of cost or at reduced rates.

Air India is also negotiating similar block seat arrangements with Air Malta and Air Canada.

Foreign Visits Made by Minister and Officials

1413 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Minister and officials in the Ministry visited foreign countries (with names of the countries) during 1995 and 1994 till date to promote tourism in the country;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on each of the tour undertaken; and

(c) what is the target for tourists nd foreign exchange earnings during 994 and 1995 and what percentage the target is anticipated to be met a result of these visits to foreign ountries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Statement I, II and III are attached (*See* below).

(c) Tentative projections of tourist arrival and foreign exchange earning from tourism during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as given below:—

Year	Tourist Arrivals (million)	Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. Crores
1994-95	2.2	5200
1995-96	2 4	6000

The increase in earnings is expected due to several factors including overseas promotion and publicity and as such it is difficult to estimate the impact of any single factor separately.

Statement-I

Details of foreign trips of Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad Minister for civil aviation and tourism for the year **1993** *and* **1994** *(upto June)*

No	Countries visited	Period	Expenditure incurred	Purpose
1	Germany, U.K. . . .	6—10-3-93	80,117	To attend Internationa Tourism Fair in Berlin
2	London, Helsinki, Amesterdam, Copenhagun, Madrid and Frankfurt.	7—17-6-93	1,09,165	Tourism Promotion
3	Russia, Kazadsthan, Kyrghyzstar Uzbakistan and Turkmonistan	5—14-9-93	90,580	In connection with the bilateral air talks and signing of air services Agreement. Meeting wit Travel Trade in Touris E
4	Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa & Mauritius	5—17-1-94	92,694	Bilateral Air Talks and Tourism Promotion.
5	Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Bahara in, Oman, Jordan & Qatar	27-1-94-7-2-94	68,897	Tourism Promotion and Civil Aviation matters.
6	Germany	5—8-3-94	81,754	To attend the International Tourism Festival to be held at Berlin (Germany)
7	Bulgaria, Romania, South Africa Argentina & Brazil	26-5-94-13-6-94	40,731	To sign Tourism Agreement and to promote tourism to India.

(Expenditure includes air fares and allowances)

Statement-II

Foreign visits undertaken by the officials of Department of Tourism, Ministry of Civil aviation & Tourism and Estimated Expenditure incurred on these visits during the year **1993** *and* **1994** *(upto June)*

(In Rupees)

Name	Countries visited	Estimated Expenditure (as-per sanction)
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM	JANUARY 93 TO JUNE 94	
1. Mr. H. Bansi, Deputy Secretary .	Israel (9th to 16 June, 1993)	1,29,200.00
2. Sh. Yogesh Chandra, Secretary .	Israel (13th to 20th June,'1993)	1,37,012.00
3. Sh. J. Sanyal, A.D.G. . . .	Germany, Netherlands, Finland, France & U. K. (5th to 16th June, 1993) Accompanied Minister	1,65,000.00
4. Sh. J. Sanyal A.D.G. . .	Mosco, Alma ATA, Frtunze, Tashkant (5th to 17th Sept., 1993) Accompanied Minister	1,35,367.00
5. Mr. H. Bansi, Deputy Secretary .	Greece, Israel (29th Sept. to 2nd Oct., 93)	1,12,000.00
6. Sh. S.S. Boparai Director . . General	Athens, Frankfurt, London (31-10-93 to 6-11-93)	1,14,775.00
7. Sh. S.K. Rao, OSD to HM . .	S. Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritious (4-1-94—17-1-94) Accompanied Minister	1,02,000.00
8. Sh. J. Sanyal, ADG . . .	S. Africea, Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritious (4-1-94 to 17-1-94) Accompanied Minister	2,18,900.00
9. Sh. J.M. Lyngdoh, Secretary .	Secul and Hongkong (20th to 25th Jan. 91)	1,09,300.00
10. Sh. J. Sanyal, ADG . . .	Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Bahrain Doha, Kuwait, Riyadh, Jaddah and Jordon (27-1-94 to 7-2-94). Accompanied Minister	96,770.00
11. Sh. S.S. Boparai, DG Smt. Asha Murty, ADG	Berlin (Germany) (4th to 10th March, 94) Accompanied Minister	2,12,900.00
12. Sh. S.K. Rao, OSD to HM . .	Bulgaria, Romania, S. Africa, Argentina and Brazil (24-5-94 to 11-6-94)	3,05,528.00
13. Sh. J. Sanyal, ADG . . .	South Africa, Argentina and Brazil (3-6-94 to 11-6-94)	2,11,908.00
14. Sh. Suman Sharma, Director (IC)	South Africa, Argentina and Brazil (3-6-94 to 11-6-94)	1,91,863.00
15. Mrs. Asha Murty, ADG . .	Expo Latin America Agencies (COTAL) at Spain	1,04,354.00
16. Sh. J. Sanyal, ADG . . .	EIBTM at Geneva (17-19-5-1994)	96,945.00

* ADG=Additional Director General

* OSD=Officer on Special Duty

* HM=Honourable Minister

Statement-III

Foreign visits undertaken by the officials of Tourism, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism and estimated Expenditure incurred on these visits during the year 1993 *and* 1994 *(upto June)*

(In Rupees)

Name	Countries visited	Estimated Expenditure
	JANUARY 93 TO JUNE 94	
1. Sh. Asif Ibrahim, PS to HM	Germany, UK.	71,264.00
2. Sh. P. K. Banerjee, Joint Secretary.	Finland, Denmark, Netherlands, Luxemburg and Germany	1,00,265.00
3. Sh. P. K. Banerjee, Joint Secretary.	Russia, Kazakhasthan, Kyrghystan Uzbakistan and Turkmenistan	81,180.00
4. Sh. V. S. Ramachandran, Addl. PS to HM	Russia, Kazakhastan, Kyrghystan, Uzbakistan and Turkmenistan	84,198.00
5. Sh. V. S. Ramachandran, Addl. PS to HM	Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Jordan	61,557.00
6. Dr. Badar Iftekhar, Addl. PS to HM	Berlin (Germany)	64,804.00

Air India's Tie-up with Foreign Airlines

1414. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has been exploring the possibility of tie-ups with foreign airlines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the nature of the tie-up, if any, finalised by Air India with foreign airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Air India has joint venture agreements with Zambian Airways, Air Mauritius, Malaysian Airlines & Gulf Air with a profit sharing formula.

Air India has also concluded 'block seat' arrangements with Ethiopian Airlines and Finnair under which Air India is provided certain number of seats either free of cost or at reduced rates.

Air India is also negotiating a similar block seat arrangement with Air Malta and Air Canada.

स्वदेशी एयरलाइंनों का विमान भाड़ा

1415. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्वदेशी एयरलाइनों के विमान भाड़ों के निर्धारण हेतु क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किए गए हैं ;

(ख) क्या इंडियन एयरलाइन्स द्वारा अपनाया जाने वाला मानदंड निजी विमान कंपनियों के मानदंड से भिन्न है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और